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Radioactive Leakage at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were several incidents of radioactive leakage at the cargo sections of airports in the country including Delhi Airport;

(b) if so, the number of incidents noticed during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to ensure safe handling of hazardous material at the airports?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): No Madam. There has not been any incident of radioactive leakage at the cargo sections of airports in the country including Delhi Airport during the last three years and in the current year (till 15-11-2016). However, in the recent past, two cases of suspected radioactive leakage were reported at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi, one incident on 29-05-2015 and the other one on 09-10-2016. Upon inspection, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) declared in both the cases of incidents that there was no radioactive leakage.;

(c): A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been prepared by the Department of Atomic Energy for trigger mechanism and response for recovery/retrieval and disposal of the radiation source.